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LTDP MEASURES

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1. WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS ON THE CONTENT OF THE
SUBJECT QUESTIONNAIRE:

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A. MEASURE A1, ANNEX B (REINFORCEMENT), REF C, ON PRE-
POSITIONING FOR THREE ADDITIONAL US DIVISIONS, WHICH LISTS
FIVE COUNTRIES AND SACEUR AS ACTION BODIES, IS NOT INCLUDED
IN REF B, BUT SHOULD BE, IN ORDER THAT THE US AND OTHER
COUNTRIES WILL REPORT ON ACTIONS UNDERWAY. IN ADDITION,
MEASURE B6 IN ANNEX B, REF C, ON REINFORCEMENT MOVEMENT

PLANS TO BE TESTED IN EXERCISES, WHICH LISTS NATIONS AS THE ACTION BODIES FOR NATIONAL EXERCISES, ALSO SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN REF B.

B. WE NOTE THAT MEASURES A4 AND B3, ANNEX D, REF C (MARITIME POSTURE) ON IMPROVED PDMS PROGRAMME FOR LARGER SHIPS ARE IDENTICAL AND BOTH ARE LONG-TERM, WHILE THE MEASURE A4 LISTED IN REF B ON MARITIME POSTURE IS

DESCRIBED AS ACCELERATED PDMS PROGRAMME FOR THE SHORT TERM. WE ASSUME THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF A4 IN REF C IS IN ERROR. WE ALSO QUESTION THE INCLUSION OF B3 IN REF B SINCE IT IS LONG-TERM, AND DESIGNATES CNAD/NATIONS AS ACTION BODIES. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT CNAD WOULD HAVE TO TAKE ACTION BEFORE THE NATIONS WOULD TAKE ACTION (IN THE LONG TERM).

C. MEASURE B4, ANNEX F (C3), REF C ON TACTICAL TRUNK NETWORKS, WHICH LISTS NATIONS/CNAD/MNCS AS ACTION BODIES IS NOT INCLUDED IN REF B, BUT SHOULD BE SINCE THERE ARE ACTIONS UNDERWAY IN THIS AREA WHICH SHOULD BE REPORTED ON BY COUNTRIES.

D. MANY OF THE MEASURES IN ANNEX H (RATIONALIZATION), REF C, DESIGNATE NATIONS AS ACTION BODIES. HOWEVER, NONE OF THESE MEASURES IS INCLUDED IN REF B AND WE CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY. MEASURES A1, A3, A5, B1, AND B2 LIST "NATIONS" EXCLUSIVELY, AND A4, A6, A7 AND A8 LIST "NATIONS/CNAD" AS ACTION BODIES.

E. WE QUESTION WHY REF B LISTS UNDER CONSUMER LOGISTICS MEASURE C4 ON IMPROVEMENTS TO RESERVE STOCKS OF SELECTED EQUIPMENTS, WHEN REF C LISTS SACEUR AND SNLC AS THE ACTION BODIES TO PRESUMABLY STUDY THIS MATTER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE BY COUNTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, REF B DOES NOT LIST UNDER CONSUMER LOGISTICS MEASURE B5 ON ARRANGEMENTS TO GUARANTEE FUEL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLIED FORCES PRIOR TO HOSTILITIES, WHILE REF C DESIGNATES NATIONS/MNCS/SCEPC AS ACTION BODIES.

2. IF YOU RECEIVE SATISFACTORY ANSWERS FROM IS ON THESE PROBLEMS OR ASSURANCES THAT APPROPRIATE CHANGES WILL BE MADE, YOU MAY ACCEPT QUESTIONNAIRE. IF NOT, YOU SHOULD REQUEST EXTENSION OF THE SILENCE PROCEDURE DATE FROM 4 AUG TO 9 AUG TO PROVIDE FURTHER TIME FOR RESOLVING THESE ISSUES.

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